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**Attention: Paul Godsell**

Dear Paul

### **BATHURST INTERMODAL TERMINAL – FLORA AND FAUNA ASSESSMENT**

Geolyse was commissioned by Slobobax Pty Ltd in March 2005 to undertake a Flora and Fauna Assessment to support a Part 3(a) Major Projects Application for the proposed Central West Regional Road/Rail Freight Terminal. This assessment was completed and submitted to Slobobax in June 2005 (Geolyse, June 2005).

The Flora and Fauna Assessment was included as Annexure 9 of the Environmental Assessment that subsequently secured concept plan approval (No: 05\_0047) from the Department of Planning on the 12th August 2006.

An application to modify the approved concept plan is now being prepared. We have reviewed the revised layout (Crawford Drawing: MA-002). In light of this modification to the Central West Regional Road/Rail Freight Terminal, now called the Gateway Enterprise Park – Bathurst Intermodal Terminal, Geolyse has been engaged to review the original Flora and Fauna Assessment to determine whether the previous conclusion with respect to significance of impact remains valid.

It is noted that the proposed modification to the facility does not change the extent of physical disturbance to the development site from that which was assumed in the 2005 Flora and Fauna Assessment.

An up-dated desktop review of the data collection sources utilised in the preparation of the Flora and Fauna Assessment has also been conducted (11<sup>th</sup> November 2008). The searches included the Atlas of NSW Wildlife online database (NPWS 2008), BioNet – NSW Government BioNet System Agency biodiversity database system (NSW NPWS, NSW State Forests, Australian Museum and Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney databases), NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change's website – Threatened Species Profiles; and the Protected Matters Search Tool (Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website).

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This review was undertaken to check whether:

- any endangered/threatened species have been recorded at the site since the April 2005 survey; and
- any flora/fauna species observed in April 2005 have since been listed in the schedules of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* (TSC Act) or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This review confirms that there have been no new sightings/recordings of endangered/threatened species at the site since 2005, and that none of the species observed on-site in April 2005 have since been assigned conservation status through listing in the Schedules of the TSC Act or EPBC Act.

A component of the Flora and Fauna Assessment undertaken in 2005 included an 8-part test of significance on seven species identified as having the potential to occur within a 10 km radius of the site. It was concluded that the development of the site was unlikely to result in a significant impact on any of these threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. Subsequent changes to legislation and the more recent 7-part test of significance does not change this conclusion.

It is therefore concluded that the proposed modification to the concept plan approval (No: 05\_0047) is not likely to have a significant impact on any threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

Yours faithfully

**Geolyse Pty Ltd**



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